

## MINUTES

### Transportation Policy Committee of the Regional Planning Commission For Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes

March 8, 2022

Committee Members:

**Officers:**

**Parish President** Mike Cooper, *Chairman*

**Parish President** Matt Jewel, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman* **Designee:** Mike Palamone

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**Councilmember** Dick Gibbs **Designee:** Mary Clulee

**St. John the Baptist Parish:**

**Councilmember** Robert Arcuri

**Councilmember** Tammy Houston

Jonathan Perret

**St. Tammany Parish:**

**Councilmember** T.J. Smith, Jr.

Christopher Abadie

**Tangipahoa Parish:**

**Mayor** Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

**Council Chair** Brigitte Hyde

**DOTD:**

**Secretary** Shawn Wilson **Designee:** Chris Morvant

**TPC Members:**

**Mayor** Greg Cromer (Slidell)

M.D. "Mike" Stolzman (N.O. Public Belt RR) **Designee:** Garrick A. Rose

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port) **Designee:** Tony Evett

**Mayor** Clay Madden, (Mandeville)

Alex Z. Wiggins (RTA) **Designee:** Katherine Felton

GNOEC **Designee:** Carlton Dufrechou

**Mayor** Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)

Attendance: 34

Consultants:

Staff: Mr. Jeff Roesel, Mr. Jason Sappington, Ms. Megan Leonard, Mrs. Coletia Kent



## AGENDA

1. Consideration: Approval of the February 8, 2022 minutes
2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements
5. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23 Draft Document
6. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-23
7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area
9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area
10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area
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14. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area
15. Consideration: Public Comment Period
16. Consideration: Other Matters

Mr. Jeff Roesel, RPC's Executive Director led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the roll call by Mr. Jason Sappington, RPC's Deputy Director, a quorum was established.

**1. Consideration: Approval of February 8, 2022 minutes**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr. made a motion to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Councilmember Robert Arcuri and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**2. Consideration: Amendment to the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 5 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the New Orleans TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the New Orleans TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Cynthia Lee

Sheng and seconded by Mr. Allen Hero and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**3. Consideration: Amendment to the St. Tammany Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the members there were no amendments to the St. Tammany TIP, Highway & Transit Elements.

**4. Consideration: Amendment to the Tangipahoa Transportation Improvement Program, Highway & Transit Elements**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 6 of the meeting packet for the amendments to the Tangipahoa TIP, Highway & Transit Elements, and provided a brief explanation of each item.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Tangipahoa TIP amendments for the Highway & Transit Elements. It was so moved by Parish President Robby Miller and seconded by Mayor Bob Zabbia and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**5. Consideration: Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23 Draft Document**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a draft copy of the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2023 for review and provided a brief explanation. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained that the proposed FY 23 UPWP was inclusive of all four urbanized areas (New Orleans, Slidell, Mandeville Covington, and South Tangipahoa), and that work task budgets were developed for each in the draft document. Mr. Roesel further explained that funding for the transit tasks for each urbanized area was based on last years allocation as Congress has only appropriated a partial year for FY 22 and as such, may need to be modified when the full year appropriation is passed. Mr. Jeff Roesel stated that the Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23 was placed on the RPC website. The final Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23 will be presented to the Board at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting for approval. At this time no motion is needed.

**6. Consideration: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program For FY-23**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 7 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23. Mr. Jeff Roesel explained the resolution to the Board.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the Authorization to Submit Unified Planning Work Program for FY-23. It was so moved by Councilmember T. J. Smith, Jr. seconded by Councilmember Benny Rousselle and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board to take items 7-10 in Globo. These resolutions reflect the FTA funding for FY23 for each urbanized area as shown in the Resolution to submit the Unified Planning Work Program that was just approved. And a motion was taken for items 7-10 in globo.

- 7. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**
- 8. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**
- 9. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**
- 10. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 8-11 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant for New Orleans, Slidell, Mandeville/Covington and South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Areas.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Transit Administration FY-23 Planning Grant in globo. It was so moved by Mr. Mike Palamone seconded by Mr. Christopher Abadie and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

- 11. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant New Orleans Transportation Planning Area**
- 12. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Slidell Transportation Planning Area**
- 13. Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant Mandeville/Covington Transportation Planning Area**

**14. Consideration: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Area**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board to take items 11-14 in Globo. These resolutions reflect the FHWA funding for FY23 for each urbanized area as shown in the Resolution to submit the Unified Planning Work Program that was just approved. A motion was taken for items 11-14 in globo.

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to pages 12-15 of the meeting packet for the Resolution: Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant for New Orleans, Slidell, Mandeville/Covington and South Tangipahoa Transportation Planning Areas.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the resolutions for the Contractual Authorization for Federal Highway Administration FY-23 Planning Grant in globo. It was so moved by Ms. Sophie Harris Vorhoff and seconded by Mr. Jason Stopa and approved unanimously by the Transportation Policy members in attendance, as noted by the Chairman.

**15. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

**16. Consideration: Other Matters**

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1. Consideration: Approval of the February 8, 2022 minutes
2. Consideration: Committee Reports:
  - (a) Budget and Personnel Committee
  - (b) Other Committee Reports
3. Consideration: Financial Report
  - (a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities
  - (b) Monthly Budget Report
4. Consideration: Contract Extensions
5. Presentation: Washington D.C. Update  
By: Jeffrey Brooks, Partner  
Adams & Reese
6. Consideration: Travel Request
7. Consideration: Consultant Billings
8. Consideration: Public Comment Period
9. Consideration: Other Matters



### **1. Consideration: Approval of February 8, 2022 minutes.**

Mr. Jeff Roesel asked the Board for a motion for the approval of the February 8, 2022 minutes. Council Chair Brigette Hyde made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ray Lauga, Jr. and approved unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission as noted by the Chairman.

### **2. Consideration: Committee Reports** **(a) Budget and Personnel Committee** **(b) Other Committee Reports**

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no committee reports at this time.

### **3. Consideration: Financial Report** **(a) Balance Sheet of Local Activities** **(b) Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to page 16 of the meeting packet for the balance sheet for the month ending January 31, 2022. He indicated that the RPC's Total Assets and Liabilities, which include the Fund Balance in the amount of \$2,590,244.00.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the balance sheet of local activities. It was so moved by Parish President Jaclyn Hotard, seconded by Mr. Jack Stumpf and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

Mr. Jeff Roesel explained there were no budget amendments at this time.

**4. Consideration: Contract Extensions**

Mr. Jeff Roesel stated there are no contract extensions this month.

**5. Presentation: Washington D.C. Update  
By: Jeffrey Brooks, Partner  
Adams & Reese**

Mr. Jeff Roesel introduced Mr. Jeffrey Brooks to the Board. For more information on this presentation please contact Ms. Megan Leonard at 504-483-8525 or [mleonard@norpc.org](mailto:mleonard@norpc.org)

**6. Consideration: Travel Request**

Mr. Jeff Roesel informed the Board there is no travel at this time.

**7. Consideration: Consultant Billings**

Mr. Jeff Roesel referred the members to a summary list of the consultant bills on page 17 in the meeting packet, noting that staff had reviewed each of them and favorably recommended them for approval.

There being no questions or objections, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the consultant billings. It was so moved by Councilmember Tammy Houston seconded by Councilmember Wanda Alcon and approved unanimously by the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as noted by the Chairman.

**8. Consideration: Public Comment Period**

The Chairman asked if there was any other public comment. There was none.

**9. Consideration: Other Matters**

There were no other matters.

The Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Parish President Robby Miller seconded, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

*Note: There are no recordings for the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Commission meeting. Please see below from RPC's IT provider, Commtech Management IT Services, dated March 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.*

Due to an error, audio for the RPC Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is inaccessible. While we cannot verify how the issue originally happened, it may have been due to the microphones not being turned on properly, or the recording device not receiving the audio input. I have since verified the equipment is working properly. While testing the equipment I have identified several ways we can verify that the audio is recording during all future meetings, I will pass these along to my team and make notes of these so that this does not happen again. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to answer them to the best of my ability.